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1. The SVERDLOVSK (60°58'E/56°48'N) military airfield, Sverdlovsk Oblast, was about 2½ miles east of the UKTUS railroad station, about 1½ miles east of the SVERDLOVSK-CHELYABINSK highway.
2. From the observed flying it was inferred that the field has been occupied by the following aircraft since the summer of 1948:
 - a. Twin-engine aircraft, engine rumps projecting over trailing edge of wings; four or five planes at most were seen in the air.
 - b. Transports, generally Douglas. Ten aircraft at most were observed aloft at the same time.
 - c. Turbojet fighters, wing span same as length of fuselage. These planes have been observed since the spring of 1949, but no more than 10 in the air simultaneously.
3. The civilian airfield, about 5,000 feet square, was northwest of the rubber factory, north of the UKTUS railroad station, directly west of a railroad line and road crossing.
4. The following installations were at the field:
 - A flight control station in the northeast section.
 - Two hangars in the east and northwest section.
 - A radio station in the north section.
 - A watch tower southwest of the flight control station.
5. The field was occupied by some twin-engine Douglas commercial planes.

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The report confirms the location of the two airfields

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near SVERDLOVSK and the twin-engine bombers and Douglas transports at the military airfield. The presence of jet aircraft is reported for the first time.

b. Other reports are required for confirmation and the determination of aircraft types. The previously reported improvement of radio installations in the SVERDLOVSK area indicates that the area is intended to be occupied by modern PVO units.

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